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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Kudo, et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/872,007      **Group Art Unit:** 2822  
**Filed:** June 4, 2001      **Examiner:** Soward, Ida M.

**For:** FABRICATION OF LOW POWER CMOS DEVICE WITH HIGH RELIABILITY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1 and 3-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 20 have been amended to clarify the invention. Claims 3-19 have been withdrawn from prosecution, but are subject to rejoinder upon the allowance of the elected claims. Of the remaining claims, claims 1 and 20 are independent.